

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following members of the Board: Alderman David Bolen, Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Mark McCoy, Alderman Jason Michael, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Also, present were Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, Lavaile Shields, City Clerk, and several City employees and visitors. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Blythe and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by City Attorney Daniel K. Tucker.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Jason Michael.

There first came on for consideration, the request to approve the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were as follows:

- (1) To approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014 and September 9, 2014 board meetings;
- (2) To approve Gas & Water to pay First Security National Bank for bond interest payment in the amount of \$26,911.88;
- (3) To declare surplus funds from the Gas & Water and approve the transfer to the General Fund in the amount of \$14,773.99;
- (4) To approve paying the \$1,700,000.00 G.O. improvement bond payment in the amount of \$14,773.99 to First Security National Bank;
- (5) To approve refunding Chris Johnson \$122.75 for changes in taxes.

Alderman Michael made said motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next came on Trudy Featherston with the Booneville Main Street Association giving an update on the Fall Festival. All was going well in the planning for the Fall Festival. Also,

she reported the steel had been ordered for the stage that would be constructed.

Next, Mike Slaughter with Slaughter and Associates presented a Comprehensive Planning Presentation for the City of Booneville.

There next came on for consideration, Deanna Thacker asking to be allowed to set up concessions during the home games for the Booneville travel football team to raise money. The policy of the City was that they had never done that in the past. She ask if they obtained vendor's license and insurance on the food, would they be allowed to do so. The Board told her to check on that and report back to them.

There next came on for consideration, Fire Chief Jerry Wallace requesting to hire one full time fire fighter, who was Marcus Johnson, effective September 16, 2014, at the rate of \$8.66 per hour. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the openings of the bids for the Waste Water Treatment Plant for replacing the clarifier. Two bids were received. Praire Construction bid \$14,000.00, and Eubank Construction bid \$23,000.00. Alderman Michael made a motion to approve the low bid of Praire Construction in the amount of \$14,000.00, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to declare surplus the Ford dump truck and the old sewer truck, with the items to be sold at auction. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to accept quotes on financing the three (3) police vehicles. Four (4) bids were received. Rensant Bank bid 2.44%, First American National Bank bid 2.74%, Farmers & Merchants Bank bid 2.64%, and Bancorp South bid 3.25%. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Rensant Bank at 2.44%, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Chief Ramey requested that the be allowed to advertise for the financing of three (3) more police vehicles. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve ordering a total of six (6) police vehicles by October 1, 2014, in order to beat the deadline. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire a full time police officer. Alderman Williams made a motion to table said matter, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire two (2) full time police officers. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Chief Ramey requested that he be allowed to post for one full time police officer with at least part time certification. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to post for the Housing Authority appointment. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request for public hearing for the Local Government Agency Ordinance. It would be held at the next regular scheduled Board meeting. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request for the City to purchase an ad in the Band Night Program. The costs of an ½ page ad was \$50.00, and would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the final order for the ad valorem tax exemption by Marathon Cheese. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the final order for the ad valorem tax exemption by Provia Products. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, the Mayor requested permission to allow JMCM Consulting to provide assistance for the AFG Grant. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Blythe requested that the Board approve a resolution adopting October, as Racial Reconciliation Celebration Month. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Blythe next announced that the Jam Up Jamboree would soon be held. They were asking for any donations, from the City or any other source.

Mayor Blythe requested that the City go ahead and post for the Gas & Water Department Head. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business, Alderman Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.



DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK